

## CHRISTMAS AT SCHOOL

### “TIÓ”

At first, “Tió” was just a log burning at home. It was important because it gave warm and light on cold days.

From this most primitive form, the “Tió” evolved. Now children usually look for it in the forest, so they have fun with their family and sometimes with their classmates. It usually appears between the 8th to the 15th

of December , since these days children start giving food to their “Tió” and they cover it with a blanket to keep it warm. Also, the families can go to the forest to search it. The advantages of doing that is that the children can have a fabulous time with their parents and they can enjoy nature. The most common places in Terrassa are Vallparadís, la Mola or Sant Llorenç but every family makes it different. At school they usually search it

around all the school with their teachers. “Tio” likes the same type of food as animals, for example, fruit, vegetables, water, etc. But every family gives to it whatever they want. At our school the kids give some fruit peel to it .

On the night of the 24th of December, little children hit the “Tió” with a stick until it has a poo: some candies and chocolates. However, families can hide whatever they want under the “Tió’s blanket”.

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=c\\_BvFJN-XXE](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=c_BvFJN-XXE)



## TEACHERS PLAY:

When we were little children, our teachers became actors and actresses for us and they acted some plays about some special days at school. One of these plays was the “Castanyada” that is divided in four parts and all the teachers participated in it. They also made a theatre Christmas play for their students. This way, the kids can have a nice time and they can know the story of some of the most important celebrations that we have in Catalonia. The teachers worked very hard on these plays, they made-up themselves and they dressed up like their character. They made some decoration and they used all the objects that they needed to make the play more realistic.



## THE “PASTORETS”:

“Pastorets” is a typical Christmas theatre play in Catalonia. The plot combines the fight of angels and devils and it commemorates the birth of Jesus. The origin of that play comes from the medieval stage on the XVI century. The oldest sample preserved in Catalan of that kind is from 1721.



“Pastorets” deal with some topics like: short stories of the Gospel Matthew and Luke, how the couple went to Betlem, the search of a place to sleep, the birth of Jesus baby, etc.

This play is very common in Catalonia .When we were at 4th of Primary we acted in



Pastorets and we continued doing this because in this way, students can get out of their routines and have a great time with their friends. A lot of schools decide to perform this play for Christmas. Also

there're a lot of theatre companies and organizations that make that play.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KPeGWOpaX0>

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